APPENDIX C.

QUESTIONS TO WHICH PRINTED ANSWERS WERE FURNISHED BUT NOT REACHED FOR WANT OF TIME.

MR. SIDDEGOWDA (T.-Narasipur—Rural).—

Q.—4. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether a decision was arrived at in the Assembly Session of 1926 in the matter of constructing a bridge across the Cauvery near Bannur, T.-Narasipur taluk ;

(*b*) whether an assurance has been given that this bridge to the Cauvery river would be constructed after the completion of the construction of the bridge across the Shimsha ;

(*c*) whether estimates for constructing the bridge have been prepared and whether any action has been taken by the Chief Engineer in the matter of obtaining sanction to the estimates ;

(*d*) whether the income realisable according to the statistics furnished by the Bannur Municipality and the Revenue Department in response to the orders of the Deputy Commissioner, is adequate ;

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to satisfy the long-felt want of the people by constructing this bridge at least now in view of the existing favourable conditions ;

(*f*) whether Government are not aware that if this bridge is constructed, the trade and communications among the towns like Kankanhalli, Sivasamudram and Kollegal will be improved ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).—

A.—(*a*) Only the resolution moved by the member was carried.

(*b*) No such assurance was held out.

(*c*) Yes ; alternative estimates for Rs. 2,08,000 and Rs. 2,49,003 are under scrutiny in the Public Works Department.

(*d*) The Deputy Commissioner is of opinion that the net realisation from tolls might be over Rs. 13,000 per annum, *i.e.*, about 5 to 6 per cent of the estimated outlay.

(*e*) In view of the difficulties for getting steel and the general increase in price of materials, the conditions now obtaining are far from being favourable.

(*f*) Yes. But Sivasamudram and Kollegal are even now linked through the Cauvery bridge at T.-Narasipur.

MR. T. GURUSANTAPPA (Shikarpur—Rural).—

Q.—7. Will the Government be pleased to state : —

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that the population in the malnad parts of the Shimoga district specially in the taluk of Shikarpur and Sorab, is gradually decreasing and that in the case of the Shikarpur taluk the figure is reduced by more than 9,000 and in the case of Sorab it is over four thousand, according to the Census figures from 1881 to 1941, whereas the population in all the other places in the State is increasing ;

(*b*) the reason for such decrease in the population annually ;